



June 7, 2018

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your loved ones are staying cool as the summer heat ramps up. Older residents, especially ones on fixed incomes, are encouraged to take part in the Project Cool program.

Seniors who are 60 years of age and older, current San Antonio residents, and show critical need for a box fan are eligible to receive a fan free of charge by contacting 2-1-1 (United Way Helpline). Fan supplies are



limited by donations received during the summer. If you are able, please donate a new 20-inch box fan at your nearby fire station. You can also mail a check in any amount payable

to "Project Cool c/o Catholic Charities" to: Catholic Charities of San Antonio, 202 W. French Place, San Antonio, TX 78212. Please contact my office if you know of someone in need of this program.

The Alamo Citizen Advisory Committee will meet to discuss the latest draft of the design for Alamo Plaza at the Witte Museum (inside the Prassel Auditorium) tonight at 6:00 PM. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to learn more about the draft design. Now Cast SA will livestream and archive the meeting at the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRHDaR5EyXU&feature=youtu.be>

As a member of the Citizen Advisory Committee, I know that your input is vital to the success of this plan. I encourage you to provide questions or comments at any of the four Alamo Public Meetings taking place across San Antonio June 18th through the 21st. Learn more [here](#).

In this newsletter, I hope you will read more about current policy issues and upcoming meetings that impact you and your community. Please feel free to contact me any time - District1@sanantonio.gov or (210) 207-0900.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,



Roberto C. Treviño  
City Councilman  
District 1

P.S. This Saturday (June 9th) at 9:00 AM, there will be a general meeting regarding Short Term Rentals in the board room at 1901 S. Alamo. Please contact my office at (210) 207-0900 with any questions.

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### **District 1 Pride Crosswalk Crosses Finish Line**

Today, the San Antonio City Council unanimously approved a donation agreement with Pride San Antonio for the Pride-themed crosswalk at the intersection of Main and Evergreen. Over \$20,000 was raised through direct contributions from individuals and organizations and through the sale of the 2018 Pride Crosswalk Fiesta medal. The donated funds will be combined with scheduled maintenance funds for a thermoplastic rainbow application, which is more durable than standard pavement paint.

Councilman Treviño, who worked with LGBTQ+ advocates and pushed for the pilot crosswalk installation, provided the following statement:

"I am proud to have such a symbol of diversity and inclusion in the heart of District 1, neighboring the LGBTQ+ and Tobin Hill communities, and near the new Pride Center San Antonio office at Crockett Park. What's more, installation will begin later this June during Pride month, and the work will be completed in time for the "Pride Bigger than Texas" Pride Parade and Festival (on June 30th).

The Pride crosswalk is yet another District 1 neighborhood art

installation that reflects the community in which it is placed. Much like the Spurs and other cultural murals spread across the city, this crosswalk communicates what we value as a city, and that is compassion and inclusivity. Furthermore, the colors that the LGBTQ+ rainbow stands for life, healing, sunlight, nature, peace, and spirit, and I feel those are also the ingredients for a healthy city.

Thank you to all who supported the Pride crosswalk either financially or by donating your time through advocacy efforts like the Chalk it Up crosswalk last year. This pilot program had broad community support every step of the way, and I look forward to seeing where this initiative heads. I hope to see similar art pieces, which embody the values of the surrounding community, installed in different corners of the city going forward."

As part of the pilot program, Transportation Capital Improvements (TCI) will monitor the crosswalk installation for a six month period to gather information for future policy discussion. Information such as community response, vandalism reports, requests for maintenance, and crash information will be collected by TCI and presented to the City Council Transportation Committee at a future date.

### **Sidewalk Master Plan Update**

Yesterday, the City Council received a briefing regarding the Sidewalk Master Plan Councilman Treviño initiated in order to help San Antonio close the 2,000 miles of sidewalk gap in a more timely and cost efficient manner.

Take a look at the presentation [here](#), and please take the District 1 Sidewalk Survey [here](#) if you have not done so already.

### **Innovation Zone Pilot to include Downtown**

The City Council received an update regarding recommendations for Innovation Zones as part the Smart Cities initiative.

The establishment of an "Innovation Zone" is being recommended to test new and emerging smart city technologies, to understand the data it produces and to leverage that information to analyze and predict problems that can be solved by the City of San Antonio and its partners. An Innovation Zone will serve as pilot area to provide an opportunity to test various smart city

technologies in a defined geographic area prior to city-wide implementation.

Several U.S. cities including Dallas, Denver and Las Vegas have created similar proving grounds to pilot various smart city technologies before wide scale implementation. These cities have partnered with private sector companies to test smart city technologies within a defined geographic area, including: smart streetlights, smart parking, sensors, wi-fi connectivity and interactive digital kiosks.

After Downtown was not initially recommended as one of the pilot "Innovation Zones," Councilman Treviño successfully advocated for its inclusion. Next, the item will go to an A-Session for a vote by the City Council.

[Learn more about Innovation Zones here.](#)

## **Department of Human Services to Host Rental Workshops**

The City of San Antonio Department of Human Services Fair Housing Program, in partnership with Haven for Hope, will hold two free rental housing workshops on Friday, June 8.

The workshops are designed for individuals who have had broken leases, credit issues, financial difficulties maintaining housing, legal issues, or just want to know more about renting and successfully securing your next rental housing.

The sessions are scheduled as follows:

Friday, June 8 - 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Carlos Alvarez Volunteer Center

1 Haven for Hope Way

To register for either of these free workshops, please call 210-207-5910 and leave your name, which session you wish to attend and your contact information. If you are currently at Haven for Hope, please see your housing liaison to register.

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**Share your Experiences: Neighborhood Registration Policy Survey**

The Neighborhood & Housing Services Department is pleased to introduce the newly-established Neighborhood Engagement Division!

The Neighborhood Engagement Division will foster relationships between the City and neighborhoods, develop resources to promote organizational success, connect residents to programs and services across departments, and maintain the growing list of registered Neighborhood Associations.

Staff include Neighborhood Engagement Administrator Barbara Ankamah Burford, and Neighborhood Engagement Officer Erika Ragsdale. Additional Neighborhood Engagement Officer positions are expected to be posted and filled in the coming months.

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One of the initial tasks of the Neighborhood Engagement Division is to conduct an update to the City's Neighborhood Association Registration Policy. The current policy was last updated in 2011, and outlines requirements and procedures for registration, updates, and removal from the registry. However, several recent incidents have raised questions which the policy does not clearly or directly address.

To kick off the update initiative, NHSD invites neighborhood leaders and residents to share initial feedback by completing a 6-question survey. Topics include boundary overlap, bylaws, and minimum expectations of registered neighborhood associations. The survey is only an initial method of collecting feedback on the policy update, and will be supplemented and followed by other methods. The survey will be available through Friday June 1 at noon. [CLICK HERE TO TAKE THE SURVEY.](#)

If you have an upcoming neighborhood meeting that you'd like Neighborhood Engagement staff to attend, please email Erika Ragsdale with the date, time, location, and any special requests.



When possible, give staff ample notice to ensure availability.

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